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IN SOUND REPLACEMENT WITH
AUTOMATIC SYNCHRONIZATION TO
IMAGES

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AT	Brochure, by Digital Audio Research (DAR), entitled "Soundstation II Digital Audio Disk Recorder and Production Centre for Multitrack Music & CD Editing Applications," published 1990, 2 pages in length duplexed.

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